



Messiah Lutheran Church

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Messiah Office Hours: Beginning September 2; Tuesday to Friday 11am – 2pm

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost @ 10:30am – August 31, 2025

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

The service is broadcast live at 10:30am and posted on the Messiah YouTube channel.

Coffee in the Peace Chapel (9:45am) before the Worship Service

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

- ❖ **Today:** Hot Dog Lunch following the service. Free Will offering; all are welcome!
- ❖ **Sunday, September 14:** Lori James, Director of Mission & Spiritual Care, and Laura Hunter, Chief People Officer, LutherCare Communities, will participate in the service; followed by potluck lunch.
- ❖ Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Bible Studies: details to be announced.



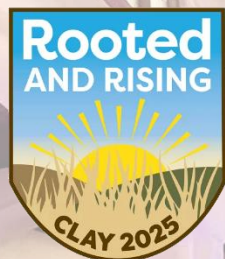
Stewardship at Messiah: 'Share Our Gifts' sheets are available in the Narthex. Please complete the survey and return it to the black tray on the table in the Narthex. It includes some of our planning sessions ideas which is an opportunity to identify projects or activities that might be of interest. And, please consider volunteering as a weekly worship assistant – sign up sheet is in the Sanctuary entry or contact the Messiah Office (messiah@sasktel.net or 306.763.7374).

Financial expenses continue throughout the summer. If you are away and not regularly attending Sunday Services, offerings can be dropped off at the Messiah office (phone 306.763.7374) OR donate electronically weekly/monthly (preauthorized deposit) OR etransfer to messiah@sasktel.net (no password needed). Contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967 to discuss options.

Thanks for your faithful support of ministry at Messiah.

Around the Community, the Saskatchewan Synod & beyond ...

Lutheran Campus Ministry 	Save The Date! The Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper is set for Saturday, September 27; reception at 5 pm & supper at 6:00pm at Smiley's Buffet in Saskatoon. Come to hear how the ministry of post-Secondary students is evolving and growing. Enjoy a great meal at Smiley's, fellowship, entertainment, and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship, and support. Tickets will be available at the end of August.
	2025 Annual General Meeting: Sunday, September 14 @ 7pm. Grace Lutheran Church, 603 – 115th Street, Saskatoon. Go to Upcoming Events (www.luminhos.org) for the Bulletin of Reports.
	Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon – Saturday, September 20, starting at 10am. The walk begins at, Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, and takes 35 – 55 minutes. Pledge sheets are to be delivered to Zion Lutheran Church by 10am, September 20. Posters are on the Messiah notice boards, and pledge sheets are available on the table in the Narthex.
Morris & Betty Anderson Memorial Service; Saturday, September 20 @ 2pm Christ Lutheran Church, 4825 Dewdney Avenue, Regina	



CLAY 2025 is over and was attended by three individuals from Messiah. Rooted and Rising Youth and their leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC and Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) came together in Saskatoon last week. Through worship, prayer, and community, participants grew in faith and hope. As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, CLAY celebrates diversity and God's love, ensuring every participant knows they are beloved.

Rooted and rising. From our roots laid down for us, from our past, to rising up and putting our best foot forward, and standing up for what we believe in. Like the rising of the sun in the east, each day starts with a light glow at the break of the day, to the flourishing beams at midday. As the hours pass becoming more powerful.

Each time you rise, your roots will become greater and stronger. Like a community, with just a few people, it would not survive, but the more roots, the more people in the community, the more likely it will thrive. Just like in the parable of the mustard seed, the mustard seed starts as the smallest seed. Growing its roots, to rise into a bright yellow flower. Where will you rise to? How deep will your roots go?

GATHERING & WELCOME

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Introduction: *Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism, we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#532 'Gather Us In'

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE / HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#512 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM 112:1-10

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the lord and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

READING Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1,7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#522 'As We Gather at Your Table'

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence (*especially*)) Daryl, Larissa, Taylor & family, Pastor Dan, Len, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Wayne, Glen, Pearl, Stanley, Michelle, Trudy, Rose, Barb, Rose, Pastor Ron, Sheila, Sharon, Ray, Knute, Jean, Audrey, and all those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you. We share a sign of Peace.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#680 'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good. Strengthen us with gifts of the earth and our labour, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: ELW#716 'Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace'

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

Table Grace: *Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be. Amen*

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